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SUBJECT: DANES MAKE MILD DEMARCHE TO DUTCH REGARDING
LATTER'S PROPOSED FORCE REDUCTIONS

REF A) COPENHAGEN 2419 B) STATE 198550

1) THE DIRECTOR OF MFA'S OFFICE OF NATO AFFAIRS,
TORBEN FROST, TOLD POLCOUNS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 4, THAT
DANES HAD YESTERDAY MADE A DEMARCHE TO THE DUTCH CONCERN-
ING THE LATTER'S PROPOSED ARMED FORCES REDUCTIONS. FROST
CHARACTERIZED THE DEMARCHE AS "RELATIVELY MILD" AND
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NOTED IT WAE MADE ONLY AT NATO HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS

TO THE DUTCH PERMREP THERE, AND NOT IN THE HAGUE. FROST
ALSO SAID THAT DANISH NATO DEL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO BRIEF US DEL ON SUBSTANCE OF THE DEMARCHE.

2) FROST SUMMARIZED THIS SUBSTANCE AS HAVING CONCENTRATED ON:

(A) THE NEED FOR THE DUTCH TO PROCEED WITH THE PRESCRIBED
ORDERLY CONSULTATIVE PROCESS BEFORE MAKNG IRREVOCABLE
DECISIONS; AND (B) THE EFFECTS THE PROPOSED CUTS WOULD HAVE
ON THE POSTURE OF THE ALLIES IN THE POST-CSCE PERIOD AND AT
THE TIME OF RESUMPTION OF THE MBFR TALKS. DANES APPARENTLY
DID NOT MENTION PROBLEMS DUTCH ACTION MIGHT CREATE HERE
IN DENMARK VIS-A-VIS THE RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING DANISH
DEFENSE AGREEMENT. FROST SAID THE DANES BELIEVE THAT THE
PROPOSED DUTCH REDUCTIONS ARE NOT A FAIT ACCOMPLI AND THAT
A FALL BACK POSITION WILL EVENTUATE.

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